

**April 3, 2020**

### **St. Louis County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update**

On 4/2/2020, St. Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) received notification of a COVID-19 involved death of a 70-79 year old male. The underlying medical conditions, if any, are unknown at this time. This is the sixth death in St. Louis County.

### **St. Louis County Parks are Closing**

To slow the spread of COVID-19, St. Louis County parks will officially close tonight at 8 PM. They will remain closed through at least April 22<sup>nd</sup>, to remain consistent with the stay at home order.

“This will help us save lives. That’s our top priority,” St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page said. “I had hoped we could keep the parks open but the spread of COVID-19 is too big of a threat to the health of our residents.”

To ensure the public is aware of the park closings, several different steps will be taken. Social media platforms have and will continue to be utilized. A press release was authored and disseminated to the local media on April 2, 2020. Barricades will be placed at park entrances that are not already gated. Electronic message boards will be positioned on streets that lead to entrances of Creve Coeur Lake Park, Jefferson Barracks Park, Lone Elk Park and Grant’s Trail. The county Parks Department will collaborate with Great Rivers Greenway to barricade and provide signage for the trail networks in County parks.

### **Dashboard**

St. Louis County has created a dashboard with information and statistics that is accessible any time at [www.stlcorona.com](http://www.stlcorona.com). The dashboard displays cumulative cases, age breakdowns, lives lost, hotline calls, and other pertinent information. [The loss of life will be reflected in the dashboard and individual email notifications will be phased out. Thank you for the patience as we continue to adapt to best handle this evolving pandemic.]

We anticipate adding a map to the dashboard today. That map will detail the breakdown of the spread of COVID-19 and the way it is affecting individual zip codes in St. Louis County. It will depict some areas experiencing more of an impact than others. Attention and resources are being deployed appropriately to address those needs. Zip codes that have fewer cases should not become complacent or disregard the guidelines set forth. A map is attached. Today is the only time it will be included in this update.

It is important to recognize that since March 22, 2020, epidemiological investigations indicate there is clear evidence of community transmission in St. Louis County. Simply put, this is community spread. This should re-new and re-inforce the call for strict adherence to the stay at home order.

Please note, the map is based on statistics that are not reflective of the epidemic, rather they are reflective of the information now available. This is limited to depicting known and confirmed cases.

### **Contact Information**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline can be reached at (877)435-8411.

St. Louis County has created a website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19, [www.stlcorona.com](http://www.stlcorona.com). Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information.



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